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MANY CITIES RECEIVE TEXAS BUSINESS MEN WITH ELABORATE CEREMONY.

FRIENDLY RELATIONS FORMED

Progressive Towns in New State Unhurt by Recent Depression. Appropriate Addresses.

(From Dallas News.)

Ada, Ok., May 12.—The reception accorded to the members of the Dallas Commercial Club's excursion party by the citizens of Ada has not been excelled in enthusiasm or elaborateness at any point since the trip began.

Although rain was falling when the Dallas merchants arrived, probably 1,200 people were at the depot to receive them and the Ada band strove manfully to drown the noise made by the Dallas band.

After the duel between musicians had been called a draw, the guests of the occasion were placed in carriages and conveyed to the quarters of the Ada 25,000 club, where an informal reception and smoker was held. This lasted for half an hour and the remainder of the time was spent in personally conducting the visitors to such of the local mercantile establishments as they cared to inspect.

Ada Very Progressive.

Ada is conceded to be one of the liveliest towns in the new state of Oklahoma. It contains many substantial business structures of brick or stone, has wide streets, nearly all the conveniences to be found in a much larger city and some of its residences will compare favorably with those found anywhere in this country. It is said that if there is one particular thing in which this place excels others of its rank it is unquestionably in commercial lines. In spite of the financial stringency which has afflicted the country at large the business of Ada has shown a satisfactory increase all along the line and it is declared that there is every indication that the people in the territory tributary to this place are in excellent condition financially.

Address of Welcome.

At the smoker and reception this afternoon the address of welcome was delivered by J. F. McKeel, one of the leading citizens. He gave emphatic assurance that the visit was heartily appreciated and said the people of Ada had never forgotten that it was the Dallas Commercial Club which had been the first to consider Ada of sufficient importance to pay it a visit with a representative party of its members. This was some years since. Since that time the little Oklahoma town had grown into a hustling young city as they could see for themselves, and now, that time had dealt kindly with them, they were more than glad to welcome the Dallas people again.

J. Howard Ardrey's Reply.

"We were delighted this morning," said J. Howard Ardrey in reply, "when we read in the Dallas News that the Oklahoma senate committee had agreed to report that you should have one of the state summer normals. (Cheers.) We rejoice with you in the success of your efforts in that direction and if I might add a word I will say that from our standpoint we are sorry that you failed to also get the penitentiary and the insane asylum, for we do not believe your people stand in need of either."

"We are very glad, indeed, to know that your interest in education has resulted in your securing this state normal school. We are ourselves engaged in the same line of work. We are today on an educational excursion because there are some things we know that perhaps you do not know and we want you to learn them."

Dallas' Resources.

"We want you to know that Dallas is the biggest and the best city south of St. Louis. We want you to know that in Dallas you have the largest

est implement market in world. We want you to know that in Dallas we have the largest saddlery industry in the world. We want you to know that we have the finest jewelry establishment in the world. We have the largest bank, outside of St. Louis in the south and we have the tallest office building south of the Mason and Dixon line. The fact of the business is that, in our estimation, we have about all the good things there are outside of Ada and we hope that ere we leave we will have secured the best you have to give, namely your love and affection." (Applause.)

T. D. McKeown's Address.

Speaking for the 25,000 Club of Ada, Thomas D. McKeown made a brief speech.

"I wish to congratulate the Dallas Commercial Club," he said. "Your club was the first that ever came to our city—that ever deemed Ada important enough to visit it. We have never forgotten that visit. We have appreciated it and, following the route of progress marked by your great city of the south, Ada has organized its 25,000 Club to work on the same lines as the Dallas Commercial Club. We expect some day to make Ada as great by this means as Dallas is today." (Applause.)

The special train which from Denison to this place has been in charge of the Katy road, was transferred to the Frisco line and will move over its track until Ardmore is reached tomorrow morning.

Echoes from the Board Meeting of the W. H. M. S.

In the 38th conference of the M. E. church, South, we have 2878 auxiliaries, 61,035 members, 7022 tithers and 15,089 subscribers to "Our Homes."

We had a growth last year of 169 auxiliaries and 7202 members. Our collections show an increase of \$87,443.41 over the year before.

New work undertaken is the establishment of the Sam Jones Immigration Bureau at Galveston. Bruce Hall of Key West, Fla., Mattie Wright College and the work of deaconesses at the Farmington district.

The Ada auxiliary elected Mrs. C. M. Powers delegate and Mrs. R. E. Haynes alternate to attend the annual meeting at Durant, May 26th-28th. The president of the Woman's Board Miss Bennett will be there. All who can attend can't afford to miss it. Durant promises to entertain all who send names to Mrs. C. E. England, Durant, Okla.

Miss Ethel Martin is now employed with the news force in the bindery department.

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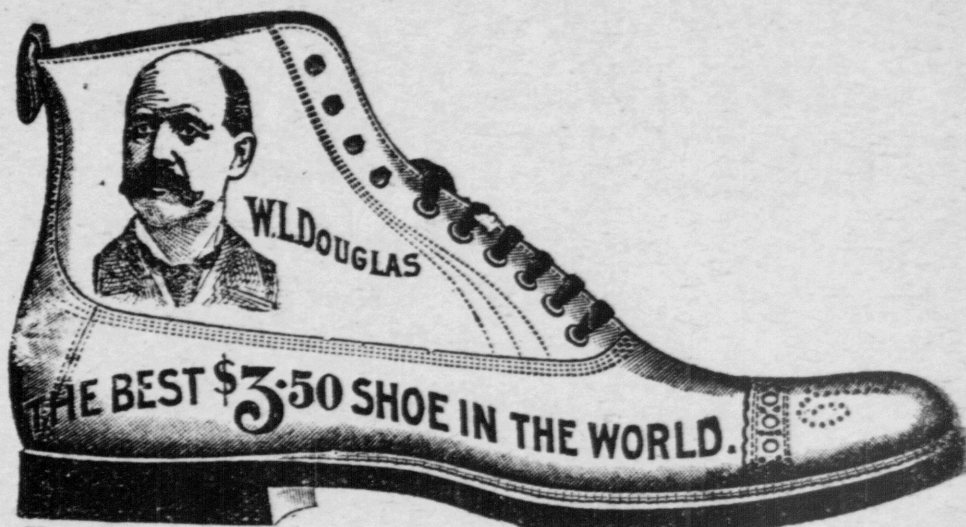
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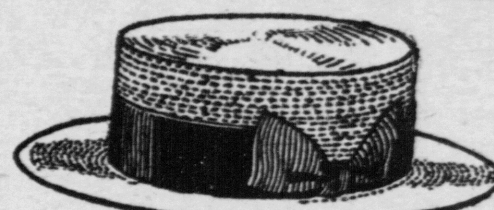
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Loans and Discounts	\$95,016.96	Capital Stock	\$50,000.00
U. S. Bonds and Premiums	12,750.77	Surplus and Profits	15,000.00
Banking House Furniture & Fixtures	10,525.00	Circulation	12,500.00
Cash, with Banks and Advances on Cotton	71,136.87	Deposits	111,520.00
	\$150,433.60		9.4

The above is correct.

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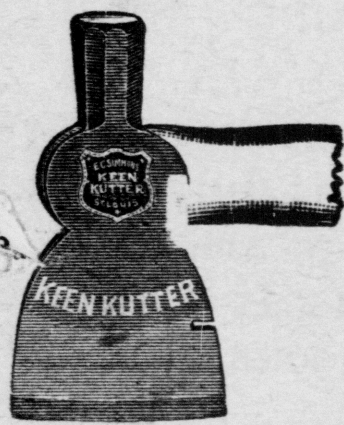
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CAPITAL NEWS

GOV. HASKELL UNABLE TO ATTEND CONFERENCE OF GOVERNORS.

BARNES TO REPRESENT OKLA.

House Democrats Decide to Follow Governor's Advice and Locate No State Institutions.

Guthrie, Ok., May 12.—Because the Oklahoma legislature is in session neither Gov. Haskell nor Lieut. Gov. Bellamy will be able to attend the conference of governors in Washington.

George W. Barnes, president of the Muskogee National bank, has been designated by Gov. Haskell to represent Oklahoma. The conference is to consider the natural resources of the country and methods for conserving inland waterways.

Democrats of the Oklahoma House of representatives in caucus last night decided to follow the governor's recommendations and locate none of the new state institutions. It was agreed to go no further than creating them. Such decision practically puts an end to the public building question for this session.

Placing Institutions.
 The senate, however, today received from its public building committee recommendations for placing certain institutions named in this morning's Dallas News. To the report it added a branch of the McAlester penitentiary at Granite, on the west side, the state orphans' home to be the Whitaker Orphans Home of Prior Creek, and a similar institute for negro children near Guthrie.

It is impossible to tell what disposition is to be made of the bills already passed locating new institutions. The senate today passed the house bill by Mr. Cope creating a state printing plant and locating it in Enid. A condition of the measure is that the city of Enid shall give to the state a site acceptable to the state printing board.

The Stivers-Sorrells bill placing the school of mines in Wilburton is now in the house and the Stewart bill locating the new insane asylum in Hugo, which was included in the committee reports today, it is understood will be passed by the senate.

Following action of the house caucus, which eliminates the possibility of three new normal schools, Mr. Van Deventer and Mr. Whitehurst introduced in the house today a bill appropriating \$6,500 for county summer normal schools in every county of what was formerly Indian Territory. The sum of \$1,500 is apportioned to each county. In addition \$150 is given to each county in old Oklahoma for promoting the study of agriculture, horticulture, stock feeding and domestic sciences in similar county normals.

So far the capital question has not entered into the public building fight. Today, however, the senate advanced to a third reading the joint resolution by Mr. Bryan of Shawnee submitting an amendment to the constitution permitting the people to vote upon permanent location of the capital prior to 1913. It is said the resolution will find practically no opposition this side of the governor's office.

Jail Break.
 Robert Graves, convicted of robbery at Stonewall and sentenced to three years in the penitentiary made a good get away last night about 7 o'clock. The officers were cleaning the back yard with the prisoners when Graves, watching his opportunity jumped the back fence and it would have taken a race horse to have caught him. Harry Parks was standing near when he jumped and tried to catch him but without success. No blame is attached to the sheriff's force as every body knows the condition of the old jail and it is a wonder more prisoners have not escaped.

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The Vanishing Fleets

BY ROY NORTON.

occupation by imperative orders and requested to tell none but their families that they might be absent for several months. There was not a man aboard any of the craft who had not taken a pledge of absolute secrecy.

The collier, black and massive, was loaded almost beyond her carrying capacity, and even on her decks were piled lumber and great sheets of corrugated iron, bearing evidence of full holds below. And all this cargo had the history of rushed work behind it. Strange pieces of machinery, sections of engines, powerful dynamos, and unheard of apparatus were stowed away with cases of chemicals, and the mines of the north, the west and the south had contributed crude metals or partially smelted ores to the assortment. Driven by expert minds and masters of executive work, an army of men in different walks of life had given their ingenuity and effort toward something of which they knew not, and then the result of their labors had poured out upon a wharf, been swallowed up by the cavernous holds of a collier, and were now being carried out into the broad reaches of the Atlantic, with destination unknown.

A general order had been issued and made public, that, inasmuch as the poaching of Cuban fishermen on American grounds round lower Florida and the keys demanded attention, the gunboat Penobscot had been detailed to patrol those waters. In the United States this attracted no attention; but the swarthy fishermen of the tropics took warning and no longer steered their smacks to the forbidden waters, shrugging their shoulders in impotent wrath.

Rumor had it that the transport was carrying mechanics and laborers to the Philippines, where a new drydock was to be constructed, and the collier was generally supposed by men of the waterfront to be laden with materials for this work. And so, despite the momentous significance of the sailing of these three ships, the world remained in ignorance, paid little heed, or forgot.

Those voyagers who were in the secret looked forward with eagerness to the task before them, realizing to the full that on them depended much. And of these was Norma, who leaned over the stern rail of the Penobscot as it dropped down the harbor, watched the lights of the city grow dim in the distance, saw the great silent statue of liberty rear itself against the sky, and felt the first free swell lift and sway the deck beneath her feet. Her departure had not been pleasant.

There on the land behind was the man whom she seemed doomed for ever to hold at arm's length. She had parted from him with the announcement that her father was compelled to go south for a time, and had insisted on her accompanying him. For how long? Ah, that could be put conjecture; perhaps for two or three months

Was he ill? No, not exactly; but he was going away and needed her. Yes, he would write occasionally from Miami, Fla.; but not often, because her charge would demand her time. And so, answering and evading, filled with yearning, and yet debarred from giving confidence, she had bidden him good by and come to this: Sailing away in the night with all the furtiveness and mystery which enshrouded pirate ships of old bent on plunder and rapine.

The days of the voyage were much alike; filled with work. Down in the cabins the engineers and machinists drew hasty plans of buildings, then marked spots where machines were to have floor space, drew diagrams for transmission of power, and consulted charts showing the depths of water round their prospective shipyard. They had not even time to watch the devious course in and out among the islands which marked their entry to the scene of toil. When the pulsations of the screw stopped and the ship ceased her vibrations, they were still at their several tasks, and were disturbed when the anchor chains went rumbling through their hawser pipes.

Like an army of ants, drilled and acclimated, they swarmed out upon the land, the sappers clearing the way, the carpenters donning their aprons and grasping their tools while piles of lumber, kegs of bolts and nails, and mountains of iron sheathing accumulated upon the beach. And then, as the ringing of a multitude of hammers and the steady biting song of the saws filled the air with sounds of industry, great cases of machinery swung up from the holds, floated dizzily to the bulwarks, and went slowly down to the lighters. A city of tents sprang up as by necromancy, with gutters to carry off the rains, and sewers to prevent disease. Camp surgeons accustomed to sanitation superintended these outposts, paying as much attention to the spreading of a mosquito net to keep away the dread stygmia, as to tautening the canvas roofs and clearing the grounds.

All available means of a resourceful nation had been gathered together as an expert driver seizes the reins of a four-in-hand and guides his horses along a known road to a given destination, and all with the regularity which would distinguish the work had it been the most unimportant action of every day industry.

Norma, having no part in this task of construction, wandered idly up and down the decks or round the clearing throughout the day; and as she watched she saw the birth of a mini-

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Mrs. E. M. Ralls went to Holdenville this morning for a few days visit.

Ada Construction Co. will furnish you estimates on any and all classes of concrete work.

Ode Crawford of Stonewall is in the city a witness in the Dr. Breco case.

T. B. Kile & Sons baggage, buss and transfer meet all trains day and night. Phone 31.

E. W. Holt of Sherman, brother of city attorney, T. P. Holt, is in the city.

See Ada Construction Co. for everything in the concrete line. YaYrd West 14th and Frisco Ry.

S. C. Willson, bookkeeper for Rollow & Jackson of Stonewall, is in the city attending court.

C. J. Warren returned this morning from a business trip to Oklahoma City.

FOR SALE—My home on 14th street between Broadway and Rennie. Price \$1500. P. J. ROLLOW. dtf

Mr. McRae of the hardware firm of McRae, Whitesides Co., returned this morning from St. Louis and other points.

The Louis and of groceries are in great demand. Walsh has them. Phone 17.

F. L. Phillips, superintendent and N. B. Phillips assistant superintendent of the Sapulpa Compress, are in the city en route to Frisco to join a fishing party camped on Boggy.

A new student arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Liner last night. A fine boy, weight 10 pounds, mother doing well. This makes 25 students for the Oklahoma Commercial school.

Cream Social.

The C. M. A. will serve cream, cake and Dr. Pepper (15c) at the Lucas home Thursday evening for the benefit of the library. Everybody especially the youngsters are invited.

A FINE DINNER.

About \$100 Net Will Go Into the Normal School Fund.

The dinner given by the ladies yesterday in the Harris block for the benefit of Normal school fund was a decided success about \$102 being realized and it is not expected the expenses to be over \$2.00 leaving \$100 net profit.

All though it looks as if we are not to get the normal at this time. The money will come in handy to help pay the expense that has already been incurred.

The ladies esire to thank all who gave and assisted them and especially Mr. Sam Harris proprietor of the Harris hotel for the use of his sample room, and the two furniture stores who kindly loaned them the chairs, tables, etc. All parties leaving dishes can get them at M. L. Walsh's store.

Thanks.

I sincerely thank my friends who, because of their appreciations of my efforts in the eighth grade debate, presented me the nice gold watch. I thank you most heartily.

CARL ROBB.

District Court.

The case of Dr. Breco for murder is on trial in the district court. The examination of the witnesses was concluded today and the case is being argued by the attorneys. It will probably be given to the jury this afternoon.

Delegation Returns.

W. L. Reed, W. H. Ebey, Charlie Thomas and Judge Galbraith returned from Guthrie this morning. The prevailing impression being that the state normals will not be located at this session of the legislature.

Won't Down.

The Ladies' State Normal Society, the busiest and most practical society ever organized in ada, will pull off a tag day within the near future.

Heavy Rains.

Heavy rains fell yesterday and today over all north Texas and Oklahoma. Bonham, Leonard, Gainesville and other north Texas towns suffered more or less from wind storms; crops are greatly damaged. On Broadway near the Frisco depot the water stood several inches deep this morning and passengers on the incoming trains were forced to remain for some time at the depot.

A. & M. COLLEGE

Opens Its Doors to Teachers, To Farmers, to Boys and Girls.

A six weeks summer normal institute for teachers will begin July 1, next. Two courses offered: (a) A special course in agriculture and domestic science. (b) Regular course to include agriculture and domestic science.

Teachers will find science laboratories and field experiments at the Agricultural and Mechanical College and experienced teachers in the elements of agriculture, horticulture, stock feeding and domestic science now required by the constitution.

The cotton school for farmers and cotton graders begins Monday, August 10. Cotton production, marketing, grading, warehousing, etc., will be provided for in two courses: (a) Course for farmers, one week. (b) Course for cotton graders, three weeks.

Special attention will be given to co-operative warehousing, insurance and selling.

The experience of successful co-operative marketing enterprises of Oklahoma farmers will be an important feature and will embrace all the leading crops of the new state. Successful farmers will tell how they achieved success.

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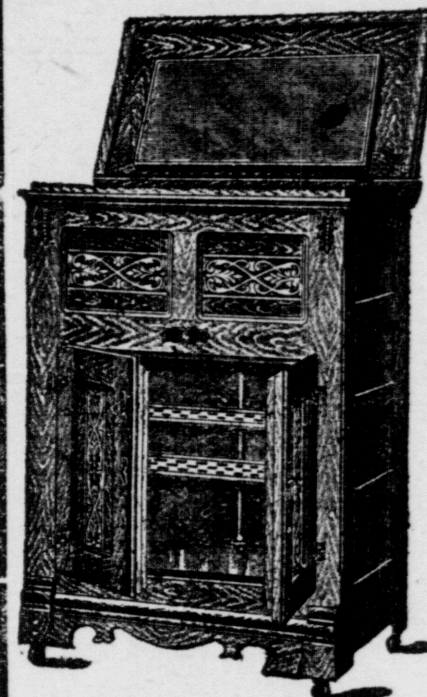
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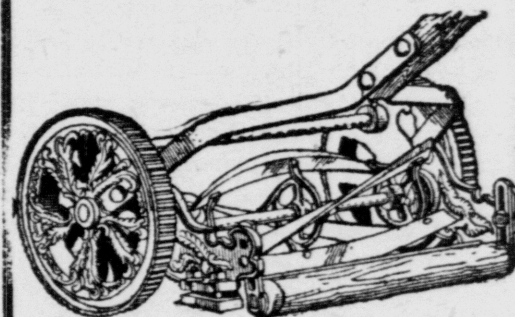
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Our stock of Lawn Swings, old Hickory Chairs, Rockers and Tables is complete. May we sell you? There is such comfort to be had by their use on a hot summer's day.

If it is a good Porch Rocker, a fine one for the parlor or an inexpensive sewing chair for comfort that you may wish, we have it. Price from \$1.75 up to \$15.00.

Last season we introduced the famous line of F. & N. Lawn Mowers, and so loud was the praise from those of our customers who tried them that we have this season purchased a more varied selection of sizes and styles. They come in the plain and ball bearing. Price \$6.50 to \$10.00.



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Screen Door Paint

'Tis coming time of year now to put up your screen doors, and in order to make them look as good as new and to prevent the wire from rusting, you should give them a coat of our ready-for-use screen door paint. We have it in green and black colors. We also sell Japalac, Varnolac, Lacquerett, house paints, carriage paints, Neals bath tub enamel, white enamel, gold and silver, Collier's white lead and linseed oil, glass, putty etc.

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THE PURE DRUG DRUGGIST.
"We Deliver the Goods."

R. W. Backenstoe and J. H. Renick of Norborne, Mo., were here prospecting today

The C. M. A. boys have procured quarters in the Rollow building and will meet there weekly. They hold their first meeting in the new room tonight.

W. S. Thompson left this afternoon for Okmulgee.

Special Notice.

I desire to call the attention of the public to Section 14 of ordinance No. 81, which reads as follows:

"No plumber shall extend any water pipes, or introduce any pipe, hydrant, bath or water closet, urinal, or hose connection or furnish, fit or connect any device or fixture whatever for the use of water without the written order of the recorder; no plumber or other person except the superintendent of the water works shall turn on or off the water at the street stop cocks under any circumstances.

Also the following Section No. 25 of same ordinance as follows: "It shall be unlawful for any person except the superintendent of

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the water works to interfere with any street stop cock, or to turn the water off or on therefrom or to knowingly permit it to be done without giving immediate notice thereof to the recorder."

Another section of this ordinance states no other parties are allowed to use water from the same hydrant, unless permission is granted.

I have special instructions from the council and mayor to enforce all sections of this ordinance, that I find being violated. I hereby warn all parties that same will be done, and parties will be arrested if the ordinance is not complied with.

Respectfully,

W. H. MARKHAM,
32tf Water Commissioner.

Piles are easily and quickly checked with Dr. Shoop's Magic Ointment. To prove it I will mail a small box as a convincing test. Simply address Dr. Shoop, Racine, Wis. I surely would not send it free unless I was certain that Dr. Shoop's Magic Ointment would stand the test. Remember it is made expressly and alone for swollen, painful, bleeding or itching piles, either external or internal. Large jar 50c. Sold by G. M. Ramsey.

Old papers at the News office.

There is a Pink Pain Tablet made by Dr. Shoop that will positively stop any pain, anywhere, in 20 minutes. Druggists everywhere sell them as Dr. Shoop's Headache Tablets, but they stop other pains as well as headache. Dr. Shoop's Pink Pain Tablets simply coax blood pressure away from pain centers—that is all. Pain comes from blood pressure—congestion. Stop that pressure with Dr. Shoop's Headache Tablets and pain is instantly gone. 20 tablets 25c. Sold by G. M. Ramsey.

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THE SHOE MAN

DAUGHTER OF SECRETARY TAFT



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Miss Helen Taft, only daughter of the secretary of war, is now a sophomore in Bryn Mawr college at Philadelphia. Before entering this institution she attended, with Miss Ethel Roosevelt, the school connected with the Episcopal cathedral at Washington. The daughters of the president and secretary have been close friends and playmates since early childhood.

HARRIMAN THE RAIL KING

ACQUISITION OF READING ROAD AMazes WALL STREET.

Latest Enterprise Makes Financier First Billion-Dollar Magnate—Touches All Leading Cities with System.

New York.—E. H. Harriman's recent acquisition of the Reading railroad, accepted as a fact by leading financiers, gave Wall street the greatest surprise that it has experienced since the recent financial trouble began. The move was executed with the utmost secrecy, and men of money who take pride in the statement that they know everything that is going on were more than bewildered by the development.

"Harriman will own us all, next," said one banker. "But he hasn't really got the Reading, has he?"

The road is really Harriman's however, according to the belief of all the street. This master stroke means that the rail wizard has increased the length of his vast system to 31,400



E. H. Harriman.

miles, traversing 34 states and worth \$1,171,382,898.

"The first billion-dollar railroad magnate!" gasped the financiers, as they hurried into the stock market, which was affected by the coup.

In discussing the effect of the move, railroad men and bankers were agreed that the Baltimore & Ohio would gain more than any other Harriman road.

The Baltimore & Ohio will get as good a line between Chicago, St. Louis and New York as any other company. This achievement makes Harriman's grasp on the eastern railroad situation

as complete as it is on the western, and gives him practically an impregnable position in the railroad world.

The vastness of the Harriman system with its new acquisition added is shown in figures as follows:

Company.	Capital stock.	Mileage.
Southern Pacific	\$ 227,418,000	9,488
Union Pacific	205,040,000	5,654
Illinois Central	105,040,000	5,638
Baltimore & Ohio	212,604,100	4,438
Erie	178,271,300	2,131
Central of Georgia	5,000,000	3,834
Philadelphia & Reading	140,000,000	2,126
Totals	\$1,171,382,898	31,471

The system with the Reading added has an unassailable strategic position, touching the cities of Spokane, Portland, Ore.; Sacramento, Cal.; Salt Lake City, Cheyenne, El Paso, Dallas, Galveston, New Orleans, Lincoln, St. Louis, St. Paul, Chicago, Nashville, Vicksburg, Jackson, Atlanta, Augusta, Ga.; Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Rochester, Philadelphia, Washington, Harrisburg, Butte, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Ogden, Utah; Denver, San Antonio, Fort Worth, Houston, Omaha, Kansas City, Minneapolis, Memphis, Louisville, Birmingham, Natchez, Chattanooga, Macon, Savannah, Cleveland, Buffalo, New York, Baltimore, Wilmington.

The first announcement of the move was made by the Wall Street Journal. In its preliminary report, the Journal said:

"A New York syndicate has recently made an offer to buy out the entire holdings of the Lake Shore and the Lehigh Valley railroad, which holdings amount to 114,000 shares. It is definitely learned that the New York Central people are in favor of making a sale to the parties in question, and there is every reason to believe that the present offer for the Lake Shore's holdings of Lehigh Valley will be accepted in the near future.

"Rumors were thrown thick and fast recently that the Lake Shore and the Baltimore & Ohio as well have been liquidating their holdings of Reading in the open market.

"It is pointed out that the present situation of control of Reading is temporary and not permanent; that the New York Central lines would be glad to be relieved of the Reading stock and devote their energies more to the financing and upbuilding of the New York Central lines; and that, therefore, the \$50,000,000 par value of Reading stocks held by the Lake Shore are practically on the market.

"Or, to be more plain, unless obstacles now not in sight turn up the Baltimore & Ohio railroad will acquire entire control of the Reading company and secure a direct outlet in New York, and that the entire project will be engineered by E. H. Harriman and his friends. This is believed in well-posted financial circles to be the next big development in the railroad map and the solution of the so-called 'Reading mystery.'"

Horse Thief Was Too Polite.

Tipped the Hostler Who Brought Rig to Go After "Bride."

Stamford, Conn.—A horse thief with a new game got away from here with a \$500 horse and a rubber-tired runabout belonging to Emmet L. Weed, a livery stable man.

"I'm going to be married," the stranger said to the hostler who waited on him, "and I want your best horse and runabout. Call for me at Parson Richardson's within half an hour."

The man then went to Rev. J. W. Richardson's house and arranged to be married at three o'clock in the afternoon. He did not give his name, but told Mr. Richardson his bride-to-be lived in the country, and that he would drive out for her.

The hostler met him at Mr. Richardson's, was treated to cigars and a small tip, and dismissed. The stranger did not return and the police were notified that the horse and runabout

had disappeared, too. They have spent a description of the stranger and the horse and runabout to the police of neighboring towns.

A Great Key Collector.

J. H. A. Klauder, a millionaire art connoisseur of Philadelphia, is one of the few Americans sufficiently astute to go in for the collection of old keys.

"In the past," said Mr. Klauder recently, "the finest artists worked on keys. Count Adolphe de Rothschild has a key made by Benvenuto Cellini. It is chiseled from a great block of steel, and represents two splendid grotesque female figures. It has, besides, a number of superb mask and scroll ornaments. For this key Count Rothschild paid \$8,500.

"The best work of the old goldsmiths and silversmiths is found no less in keys than in mirrors, cups and salt cruet. When the world's collectors learn this, I shall be unable to pick up so many key bargains."

A SAVAGE COMBAT

FERCE BATTLE BETWEEN KANGAROO AND KANGAROO-DOG.

Unique Pictures of the Fight Caught by the Australian Who Chanced to Be on the Spot at the Time.

It is not often that a kangaroo-dog and kangaroo fight is recorded pictorially.



First Round of the Battle—Getting to Grips.

For, as a rule, the kangaroo gives the dog a long and tedious run at great speed before the pair come to blows, and the photographer, laden with the apparatus peculiar to his calling, is unable to come up with the combatants until the matter is settled in favor of either one or the other.

In the present instance, the photographer was driving, having a kangaroo-dog and his camera with him in the trap. It is one of the characteristics of the kangaroo that it will always allow a vehicle or a man on horseback to approach nearer than a dog or a man on foot. As the trap came closer to the kangaroo the dog was allowed to jump out, when it immediately made for its quarry. This action took the kangaroo completely by surprise so that the dog was upon her before she had time to jump away.

Thus the battle was fought out under the eyes of the photographer, and he was able to take the interest-

ing photographs, from which outline reproductions were made.

To tackle a kangaroo at bay is no easy task even for a kangaroo-dog, and the fight was a fierce and savage one.

The kangaroo's great object in all such combats as the one illustrated is to annihilate its enemy with one terrible downward rip of its hind foot.

In this case, however, the dog succeeded in avoiding such a doom, and proved one too many for its adversary.

It will be seen that as far as size and reach were concerned, the kangaroo-dog was equally well favored with the kangaroo, but the latter had the advantage in the matter of weight.

The photographer ran no little risk of receiving injury from the infuriated animals, accidentally, of course, since they were far too occupied in struggling with one another to trouble about him. Still, in spite of this drawback, he has obtained very satisfactory pictures.

The man in the lower illustration, a boundary rider on the station where the fight occurred, is holding in his arms the "Joey," as it is called in Australia, or little kangaroo, that was found in the large one's pouch.

The victorious dog has gained great



Last Round—The Kangaroo-Dog Victorious. The Boundary Rider is Holding the "Joey," or Little Kangaroo, That Was Found in the Large One's Pouch.

fame among the local residents, fame not entirely undeserved.

The Cliff Climbers

PERILOUS CALLING OF SOME ENGLISH COAST DWELLERS.

Gather Birds' Eggs from the Precipitous Sides of the Cliffs in Order to Earn a Livelihood.

The gathering of birds' eggs from nests built in the nooks and crevices



A Cliff-Climber at Work.

of the steep cliffs of England's ragged shore line is an occupation which is unknown in this country. It is a business in which the perils are great, even if the rewards are not.

One of the most daring of all the cliff-climbers of England who earn a livelihood by this means, and who are just now in the very rush of their busy season, is William Wilkinson. From Fliey, in Yorkshire, with its glorious stretch of sands, the coast line quickly rises until for a stretch of nine miles right up to and around Flamborough Head there is neither beach nor sands; nothing but the sheer white-faced cliffs rising abruptly from a few small rocks which the sea never ceases to wash and which break up the restless waves until they skirt the frowning cliffs like a frill of fine white lace.

The whole face of the chalky walls is a wonderful sight, studded every-

where with sea birds, chiefly Guillemot and Kittiwake, but with a mixture of Puffin and Razorbill, and prominent and mischievous Jackdaws and carrion crows, while along the sandy slopes, which in places run down from the land above, scores of scampering rabbits can be met with.

The cliff-climbers are let down the face of these cliffs to gather the eggs of the sea fowl, which they bring to the surface in great quantities, finding a ready market for them at two-pence a time amongst the visitors, or selling them for eating purposes in places around. Occasionally they make a haul of extraordinary eggs marked in queer forms, and with unusual colors, and these fetch quite a little pile of shillings each from egg collectors.

Wilkinson is the king of climbers, for although there are other gangs engaged in egg gathering, they reap only a modicum of the harvest that falls to him and his helpmates.

The whole equipment consists of a stout web harness, which is tightly strapped round the body of the climber and passes around each thigh. To this a rope 400 feet in length is attached; there is also another rope used which they call a guide.

When the climber is duly harnessed, one of his mates seats himself on the ground, placing his feet in deep holes cut in the earth on the top of the cliff; this man is also harnessed with a leather belt some three inches in thickness, in which a groove is cut, and when all is ready he takes the main rope in one hand, passes it in the groove in the leather belt around his body, holding it again with the other hand. Another of the gang proceeds to drive a long iron stake into the ground and attach the hand-rope to it.

The descent is begun, and the climber takes a stake, on the head of which runs a pulley wheel, and drives it into the cliff at a convenient spot, and over this wheel the main rope is paid out as the climber goes further and further down, steadying himself and assisting his mates with his sturdy arms on the hand-rope.

There is a system understood by the gang by which Wilkinson can signal his desires to those above, directing them to lower or pull him up, or to give him a greater length of hand-rope as required.

Mammoth Transformer Installed.

An 80,000 volt electrical transformer was recently installed at Butte, Mont., for the local lighting and power company, the distance over which the current is transmitted being 60 miles. During the insulation tests of the transformer the voltage was run up to 160,000, and at this pressure an arc was formed between the ends of the cables and the transformer tank, over a distance of five or six feet. But India rubber disks fixed on the cable terminals prevented the formation of the arc. When 80,000 volts are used there is no brush discharge, and the disks are not needed.

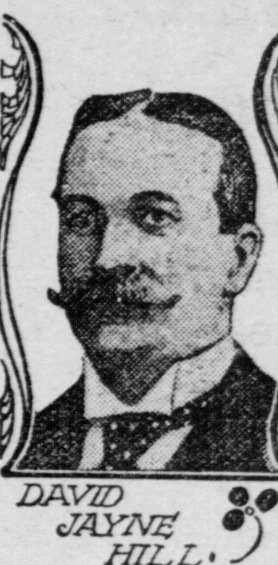
The Tug of War.

Little Willie—Say, pa, what is the meaning of the term "when Greek meets Greek?"

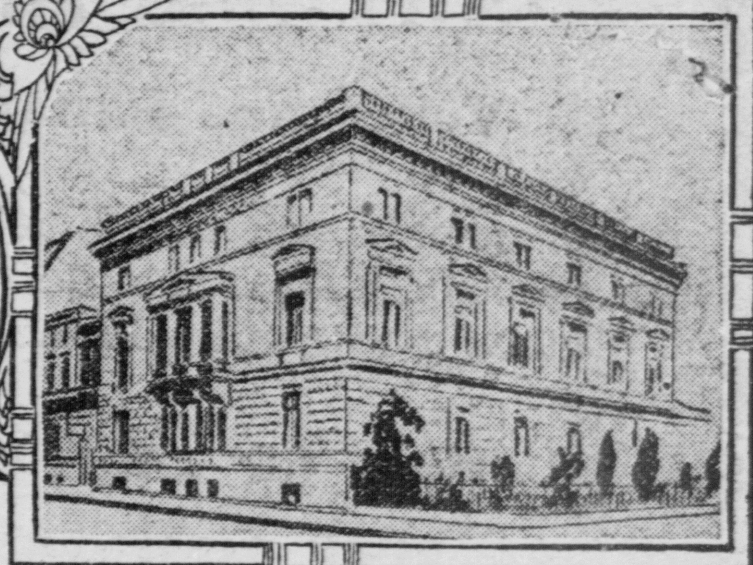
Pa.—It is synonymous with the meeting of our cook and the janitor, my son.—Chicago Daily News.

DOLLARS AND DIPLOMATS.

POOR MEN CANNOT REPRESENT AMERICA ABROAD



DAVID JAYNE HILL.



BERLIN EMBASSY

It is a terrible thing to be a poor diplomat. Lavish use of American dollars must be made in order to pave a smooth and easy highway over which a representative of the United States in a European capital may comfortably and gracefully travel.

The question has often been asked as to whether a poor man can represent the United States in a diplomatic capacity in Europe, and as often it has been answered positively in the negative. The uninformed American may ask in wonder why this is so. The salary of an American ambassador, whether stationed in London or Tokyo, St. Petersburg or Rio de Janeiro, is \$17,500 per annum. In addition he is allowed something for rent of an office, for fuel and light, for furniture, for postage, stationery, telegraph service, and for the great variety of small expenses which a large business creates. His total income from the government is not more than \$20,000 even in the most favored capital. This is a large sum. It represents an income that any American except the very rich would be glad to enjoy. With \$20,000 a man could have his house, his automobile, his amusements, indeed gratify almost every wish.

But this is true of an individual. An ambassador of the United States, in order to maintain the dignity of the great republic he represents, is in quite a different situation. He must have not merely a house for his family, but an establishment for the reception and entertainment of the officials and statesmen of the country to which he is accredited and of his ambassadorial colleagues. He must give entertainments and dinners comparing favorably with those offered by the representatives of other governments. He cannot withhold these courtesies. They constitute his duty to the same, if not greater, extent than his transaction of the official business connected with his embassy. The former facilitates the latter, frequently makes it possible.

Now consider the expense which this policy entails. In the first place, every ambassador must provide and furnish his own embassy. Unlike other great nations, the United States, save in Tokyo, Peking, Bangkok, Constantinople and Morocco, makes no arrangements for the housing of its representatives. Every agent, before or after his appointment, is compelled to proceed to his post, hunt up real estate agents, examine houses which are available, and finally select the most imposing within his means. If he have millions at his disposal he may, as Ambassador Whitelaw Reid has done, take a palace like Dorchester House, in London, paying therefor \$40,000 annually, and a country place costing \$20,000 annually. In Paris his embassy will cost anywhere from \$8,000 to \$15,000. In Berlin Ambassador Charlemagne Tower gives \$20,000 annually for the beautiful building he occupies. In St. Petersburg he may have to pay \$12,000. In Rome his rent bill may mount as high as he pleases, but it cannot fall much below \$8,000. The conditions in Vienna are similar to those in Rome.

So before an ambassador can assume his office he must obligate himself to pay a foreigner not less than half of and frequently more than his salary in order to be allowed to occupy a building for the use of the American people. Upon arrival officially at his post and after he has presented his credentials to the head of the government he must give a reception to the diplomatic corps. This is to enable him officially to meet his colleagues, a very important ceremony, for frequently he is compelled to conduct negotiations with them, and they are always useful in supplying him with needed information. A conservative estimate of the cost of such a reception in a place like London or Paris or Berlin is \$2,500. Then it is his duty to give a dinner to each of his ambassadorial colleagues. In some places he must so honor the ministers plenipotentiary, who are one rank lower than the ambassadors, as to represent second-class powers. The guests upon these occasions must be men and women of high social and official position, who are accustomed to the choicest viands and wines and other costly luxuries.

There are also his own living expenses to be considered—the maintenance of his household, the care of horses and carriages, etc., and in none of these can he display the quality of "nearness." The baker, the tailor, and the candlestick maker all look upon a foreign diplomat, especially one representing the colossally rich United

States, as fair game, and they would not hesitate to spoil a grand state dinner should the ambassadorial family fail to live up properly to their position. Finally, the ambassador has his office and his office expenses to meet.

And so it is a terrible thing to be a poor diplomat. And it is especially awkward should one take the place of a man who has been lavish in expenditure. When John Hay was ambassador to England, just before and during the war with Spain, he spent \$30,000 annually in caring properly for the interests of the United States. Joseph H. Choate, who succeeded Mr. Hay, is estimated to have disbursed fully as much as his predecessor. There is hardly a limit to Mr. Reid's expenditures. The lowest estimate places the cost of his representation at \$150,000, the highest, probably near, correct, at \$300,000.

What poor man, or even man of moderate fortune, can follow Mr. Reid? Inevitably there will be comparison between his mode of conducting the embassy and that of his predecessor, and the comparison will be to his disadvantage. Mr. Tower has astonished Berlin by the magnificence of his entertainment. He has given grand balls and dinners and has made for himself as a result a unique place in the life of the German empire. He is called there the "First Ambassador." The emperor did him the honor, before the recent controversy as to the acceptability of Dr. David Jayne Hill of New York, to single him out on various occasions and to dine with him at the American embassy. The empress, too, paid like attention to Mrs. Tower. The four princes made it a point to approach the American ambassador and his wife and to exchange compliments with them. The members of the imperial court circle fluttered about the flame the American dollars made.

This menage is quite different from that which was maintained by Andrew D. White, who occupied an apartment. Dr. Hill, also, according to report, intends to take an apartment. It is true that Dr. Hill has a small fortune, but it is not nearly as large as that of the Towers, and he cannot maintain an establishment upon the same scale as his predecessor.

FOR KEEPING SOLDIERS SLIM.

Woman Inventor Has Submitted Military Corset to War Department.

The design for a soldier's corset, which will make fat soldiers slim and keep slim soldiers from getting too fat, has been submitted to Surgeon-General O'Reilly of the United States army by the woman inventor, says the New York Times.

This same enterprising person has also informed the surgeon-general that the corset, if adopted, will make the American army officer the most athletic-looking and spryest military man on earth. The surgeon-general, according to information received by army officers in New York, is disinclined to consider the corset question seriously, but the inventor is not without influential support. The inventor of the military corset is a French woman, who is now in Washington pressing her claims for recognition before the war department. She is accompanied by a trim French maid and between them they have managed to interview most of the higher officers on duty in Washington.

On Governors island, at the Army and Navy club, at the coast artillery posts hereabout everybody was talking corset. The slim officers thought the matter a huge joke, but it was exactly the opposite with the portly ones.

They could be detected every now and then taking a squint at themselves in the mirror. It was plain to see that they were trying to frame a mental picture of themselves when remodeled by the corset.

"I do not to be retired just yet," said an officer whose waist measurement does not tend to decrease the price of clothes, "but if anybody tries to get me into one of those things, well, it's the glider path for mine."

"Me, too," a sympathetic brother answered, who was almost as portly. "The very idea of such a thing! I may be a little above the average when it comes to weight, but what I have got is mine, and I don't intend to insult nature by losing it with the aid of a thing that only women are supposed to wear."

Destitution in India.

The total number of persons in receipt of state relief in India exceeds 1,250,000.